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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Headquarters Engineering Branch, OL

FROM: Bruce T. Johnson  
Chairman, Fine Arts Commission

SUBJECT: Proposal to Lower Ceilings of Ground Floor  
Corridors

It has been brought to my attention that there are plans to lower the ceilings in most of the corridors on the ground floor of Headquarters Building. Presumably the anticipated economies in heating and air-conditioning are expected to offset the cost of this effort. On behalf of the Fine Arts Commission I would like to make two suggestions.

- a. The broad corridor leading from the northeast entrance to the junction of E and F corridors is one of the principal public entrances to the building. A drastically lowered ceiling in this area would make a depressing, not to say menacing, impression upon individuals arriving through that entrance. We strongly recommend that this thoroughfare be left with its present reasonably high ceiling.
- b. The GE corridor provides two examples of already lowered ceilings. Near D corridor, the part which has been lowered to just over seven feet gives one a sense of near claustrophobic crowding, particularly from the lights which project an additional four inches from the extremely low ceiling. Toward F corridor, the section of ceiling which has been dropped only one foot or so does not give the same impression. We hope that the latter installation will be the model for the work to be done in the other corridors.

/s/ Bruce T. Johnson

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